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The reply filed on April 30, 1998 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action and the amendment to the claims has not been entered, because the amendment requests the addition of more than five words in at least one claim. See 37 CFR 1.121 (b) below:

(i) Instructions for insertions and deletions: A claim may be amended by specifying only the exact matter to be deleted or inserted by an amendment and the precise point where the deletion or insertion is to be made, where the changes are limited to:

- (A) Deletions and/or
- (B) The addition of no more than five (5) words in any one claim; or

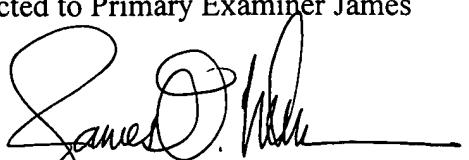
The amendment to the claims should be made in accordance with 37 CFR 1.121(a)(2)(ii) which states:

(ii) Claim cancellation or rewriting: A claim may be amended by directions to cancel the claim or by rewriting such claim with underlining below the matter added and brackets around the matter deleted. The rewriting of a claim in this form will be construed as directing the deletion of the previous version of that claim. If a previously rewritten claim is again rewritten, underlining and bracketing will be applied relative to the previous version of the claim, with the parenthetical expression "twice amended," "three times amended," etc., following the original claim number. The original claim number followed by that parenthetical expression must be used for the rewritten claim. No interlineations or deletions of any prior amendment may appear in the currently submitted version of the claim. A claim canceled by amendment (not deleted and rewritten) can be reinstated only by a subsequent amendment presenting the claim as a new claim with a new claim number.

The Supplemental response to the office action of November 14, 1996 submitted December 16, 1996 has been carefully considered but fails to comply with the manner in which amendments are to be entered. Applicants bear the burden of submitting amendments for entry in proper form. Claims submitted July 29, 1996 and December 16, 1996 are improper for the reasons provided above in bold print and underlined.

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given TIME PERIOD of **ONE (1) MONTH** or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply an amendment in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121 in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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